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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA: PERUVIAN

COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHING CHILEAN NOTE OF FEBRUARY 17

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ON FEBRUARY 18, PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CONTAINING THE TEXT OF THE LATEST CHILEAN NOTE REGARDING A POSSIBLE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA. THE CHILEAN NOTE RESPONDS AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE PERUVIAN SUGGESTION (REFTEL) FOR BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING A CORRIDOR THROUGH FORMER PERUVIAN TERRITORY IN ARICA. ADDRESSEES WILL OBSERVE THAT CHILEAN NOTE SPEAKS OF SAFEGUARDING SPECIFIC PERUVIAN RIGHTS IN ARICA, WHEREAS PERUVIAN NOTE HAD PROPOSED BROADER ANALYSIS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF SEPARATING THE EXISTING JURIDICAL-TERRITORIAL-SOCIO-ECONOMIC REGIME OF THE TACNA-ARICA BY INSERTING A BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE PERUVIAN COMMUNIQUE AND CHILEAN NOTE FOLLOWS. SPANISH TEXT IS BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES. BEGIN TEXT: QTE. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMUNIQUE NO. 05-76.

IN REPLY TO NOTE NO. 6-Y/1 DATED JANUARY 29, 1976, PUBLISHED IN COMMUNIQUE NO. 04-76, WHEREIN THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU FORMALLY PROPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE THE HOLDING OF CONVERSATIONS
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CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF THE LANDLOCKED POSITION OF BOLIVIA, THE

FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHILE HAS ADDRESSED TO THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER NOTE NO. 88, DATED YESTERDAY, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

'SANTIAGO, FEBRUARY 17, 1976.

EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF NOTE NO. 6-Y/1, DATED JANUARY 29, 1976, WHEREIN YOUR EXCELLENCY REFERS TO MY NOTE OF JANUARY 7, WHEREBY I REPORTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR OF CHILE TO LIMA HAD BEEN ADVISED TO SUBMIT FORMALLY TO YOUR GOVERNMENT THE COMPLETE TEXTS OF THE DOCUMENTS EXCHANGED BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATIONS INTENDED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE LANDLOCKED POSITION OF THE LATTER COUNTRY.

I HAVE ALREADY HAD THE HONOR TO STATE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN MY NOTES OF DECEMBER 19, 1975, AND JANUARY 7, 1976, THAT THE UNDERTAKING (ARREGLO) BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA TO GIVE BOLIVIA A SOVEREIGN PASSAGE TO THE SEA, THROUGH A STRIP OF TERRITORY LOCATED NORTH OF ARICA, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF PERU, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 1 OF THE COMPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL OF THE TREATY OF LIMA OF 1929. LIKEWISE, THAT THE PROPOSED SOLUTION MUST FULLY OBSERVE THE RIGHTS STIPULATED BY THE TREATY AND THE COMPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL IN BEHALF OF PERU WHICH MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY GRANTING THE SAID STRIP OF TERRITORY TO BOLIVIA. IN EFFECT, THE TREATY OF 1929 ESTABLISHED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CHILE OVER ARICA AND OF PERU OVER TACNA, GRANTING AT THE SAME TIME CERTAIN SPECIFIC RIGHTS IN BEHALF OF EACH NATION. I RESTATE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY ON THIS OCCASION THAT THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SPECIFIC RIGHTS GRANTED TO PERU IS A CONDITION FOR THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA. THIS SAME INTENTION IS CLEARLY INDICATED IN MY NOTE OF DECEMBER 19, ADDRESSED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF BOLIVIA IN SANTIAGO.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS AND GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH INSPIRES ITS CONVERSATIONS WITH BOLIVIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WILL BE MOST PLEASED TO HOLD WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT CONVERSATIONS DESIGNED TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF SAFEGUARDING AND ENSURING THE EXERCISE OF THOSE RIGHTS.

IN ORDER TO START THESE CONVERSATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MY
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GOVERNMENT WILL DESIGNATE A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH WHOMEVER YOUR EXCELLENCY MAY WISH TO DESIGNATE.
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT.
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